

**N-(2-PHENYLETHYL)SULFAMIDE DERIVATIVES AS INTEGRIN  $\alpha 4$  ANTAGONISTS**

The present invention relates to new therapeutically useful N-(2-phenylethyl)sulfamide derivatives, to processes for their preparation and to pharmaceutical compositions containing them. These compounds are antagonists of the  $\alpha 4$  integrins, both the  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  integrin (VLA-4, "Very Late Antigen-4" or CD49d/CD29) and/or the  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrin (LPAM-1 and  $\alpha 4\beta p$ ), thereby blocking the binding of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  to its various ligands, such as VCAM-1, osteopontin and regions of fibronectin and/or the binding of  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  to its various ligands, such as MadCAM-1, VCAM-1 and fibronectin.

Through this mechanism of action the compounds of the invention inhibit cell (e.g. leukocyte) adhesion, activation, migration, proliferation and differentiation and are useful therefore in the treatment, prevention and suppression of immune or inflammatory disorders and of other diseases mediated by  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  binding and/or by cell adhesion and activation, such as multiple sclerosis, asthma, allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, inflammatory lung diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, septic arthritis, type I diabetes, rejection following organ transplantation, restenosis, rejection following autologous bone marrow transplantation, inflammatory sequelae of viral infections, atopic dermatitis, myocarditis, inflammatory bowel disease including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, certain types of toxic and immune-based nephritis, contact dermal hypersensitivity, psoriasis, tumor metastasis, atherosclerosis and cerebral ischemia.

This invention also relates to compositions containing such compounds, to processes for their preparation, and to methods of treatment using such compounds. According to one aspect of the present invention we provide a particular group of compounds which are potent inhibitors of the binding of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins to their ligands.

Many physiological processes require that cells come into close contact with other cells and/or extracellular matrix. Such adhesion events may be required for cell activation, migration, proliferation and differentiation. Cell-cell and cell-matrix interactions are mediated through several families of Cell Adhesion Molecules (CAMs) including the selectins, integrins, cadherins and the immunoglobulins superfamily. CAMs play an essential role in both normal and pathophysiological processes. Therefore, the targeting of specific and relevant CAMs in certain disease conditions without interfering with normal cellular functions is essential for an effective and safe therapeutic agent that inhibits cell-

cell and cell-matrix interactions. One family of adhesion molecules that is believed to play a particularly important role in regulating immune and inflammatory responses is the integrin family.

The integrin family is made up of structurally and functionally related glycoproteins consisting of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  heterodimeric, transmembrane receptor molecules found in various combinations on nearly every mammalian cell type. (for reviews see: E.C. Butcher, *Cell*, 67, 1033 (1991); T.A. Springer, *Cell*, 76, 301 (1994); D. Cox et al., "The Pharmacology of Integrins", *Medicinal Research Rev.*, 14, 195 (1995) and V.W. Engleman et al., "Cell Adhesion Integrins as Pharmaceutical Targets" in *Ann. Repts. In Medicinal Chemistry*, Vol. 31, J.A. Bristol, Ed.; Acad. Press, NY, 1996, p. 191). At least 14 different integrin  $\alpha$  chains and 8 different integrin  $\beta$  chains have been identified (A. Sonnenberg, *Current Topics in Microbiology and Immunology*, 184, 7, (1993)). The members of the family are typically named according to their heterodimer composition although trivial nomenclature is widespread in this field. Thus the integrin termed  $\alpha 4 \beta 1$  consists of the integrin  $\alpha 4$  chain associated with the integrin  $\beta 1$  chain, and the integrin termed  $\alpha 4 \beta 7$  consists of the integrin  $\alpha 4$  chain associated with the integrin  $\beta 7$  chain. Not all the potential pairings of integrin  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  chains have yet been observed in nature and the integrin family has been subdivided based on the pairings that have been recognised (A. Sonnenberg, *ibid*; S.A. Mousa et al., *Drugs Discovery Today*, 2, 187 (1997)).

One particular integrin subgroup of interest involves the  $\alpha 4$  chain, which can pair with two different  $\beta$  chains,  $\beta 1$  and  $\beta 7$ .  $\alpha 4 \beta 1$  (VLA-4, "very late antigen-4"; or CD49d/CD29) is an integrin expressed on all leukocytes, except platelets, including dendritic cells and macrophage-like cells and is a key mediator of the cell-cell and cell-matrix interactions of these cell types (see M.E. "VLA Proteins in the Integrin Family: Structures, Functions, and their Role on Leukocytes." *Ann. Rev. Immunol.*, 8, 365 (1990)). The ligands for  $\alpha 4 \beta 1$  include vascular cell adhesion molecule-1 (VCAM-1), the CS-1 domain of fibronectin (FN) and osteopontin. VCAM-1 is a member of the Ig superfamily and is expressed in vivo on endothelial cells at sites of inflammation. (See R. Lobb et al., "Vascular Cell Adhesion Molecule-1" in *Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Inflammation*, C.G. Cochrane and M.A. Gimbrone, Eds.; Acad. Press, San Diego, 1993, p. 151). VCAM-1 is produced by vascular endothelial cells in response to pro-inflammatory cytokines (see A.J. H. Gearing and W. Newman, "Circulating adhesion molecules in disease.", *Immunol. Today*, 14, 506 (1993)). The CS-1 domain is a 25 aminoacid

sequence that arises by alternative splicing within a region of fibronectin. (For a review, see R.O. Hynes "Fibronectins", Springer-Verlag, NY, 1990). A role for  $\alpha 4 \beta 1$ /CS-1 interactions in inflammatory conditions has been proposed (see M.J. Elices, "The integrin  $\alpha 4 \beta 1$  (VLA-4) as a therapeutic target" in Cell Adhesion and Human disease, Ciba Found. Symp., John Wiley & Sons, NY, 1995, p. 79). Osteopontin is expressed by a number of cell types including osteoclasts, osteoblasts, macrophages, activated T-cells, smooth muscle cells and epithelial cells (C.M. Giachelli et al., "Molecular and cellular biology of osteopontin: Potential role in cardiovascular disease", Trends Card. Med., 5, 88 (1995)).

$\alpha 4 \beta 7$  (also referred to as LPAM-1 and  $\alpha 4 \beta p$ ) is an integrin expressed on leukocytes and is a key mediator of leukocyte trafficking and homing in the gastrointestinal tract (see C.M. Parker et al., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA, 89, 1924 (1992)). The ligands for  $\alpha 4 \beta 7$  include mucosal addressing cell adhesion molecule-1 (MadCAM-1) and, upon activation of  $\alpha 4 \beta 7$ , VCAM-1 and fibronectin (Fn). MadCAM-1 is a member of the Ig superfamily and is expressed *in vivo* on endothelial cells of gut-associated mucosal tissues of the small and large intestine ("Peyer's Patches") and lactating mammary glands. (See M.J. Briskin et al., Nature, 363, 461 (1993); A. Hammann et al., J. Immunol., 152, 3282 (1994)). MadCAM-1 can be induced *in vitro* by proinflammatory stimuli (See E.E. Sikarosky et al., J. Immunol., 151, 5239 (1993)). MadCAM-1 is selectively expressed at sites of lymphocyte extravasation and specifically binds to the integrin  $\alpha 4 \beta 7$ .

Neutralising anti- $\alpha 4$  antibodies or blocking peptides that inhibit the interaction between  $\alpha 4 \beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4 \beta 7$  and their ligands have proven efficacious both prophylactically and therapeutically in several animal models of inflammation and in humans (X.-D. Yang et al., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. USA, 90, 10494 (1993), P.L. Chisholm et al., Eur. J. Immunol., 23, 682 (1993), T.A. Yednock et al., Nature, 356, 63 (1992), R.R. Lobb et al., J. Clin. Invest., 94, 1722 (1994), J. Relton, Drug News Perspect., 14, 346 (2001), N. Turbidity et al., Neurology, 53, 466 (1999)). The primary mechanism of action of such antibodies appears to be the inhibition of lymphocyte and monocyte interactions with CAMs associated with components of the extracellular matrix and vascular endothelium, thereby limiting leukocyte migration to extravascular sites of injury or inflammation and/or limiting the priming and/or activation of leukocytes.

Since the discovery of their key role in mediating inflammatory pathophysiology,  $\alpha 4 \beta 1$  and  $\alpha 4 \beta 7$  have received considerable attention as drug design targets. Important

advances have been made in identifying potent and selective candidates for further development strongly suggesting that  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  should be tractable small molecule targets (S.P. Adams et al., "Inhibitors of Integrin Alpha 4 Beta 1 (VLA-4)" in Ann. Repts. In Medicinal Chemistry, Vol. 34, W.K. Hagmann, Ed.; Acad. Press, NY, 1999, p. 179).

There still remains a need for low molecular weight, specific inhibitors of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and  $\alpha 4\beta 7$ -dependent cell adhesion that have improved pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic properties such as oral bioavailability and significant duration of action. Such compounds would be useful for the treatment, prevention or suppression of various pathologies mediated by  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  binding and cell adhesion and activation.

Compounds with related structures have been described as metalloprotease inhibitors.

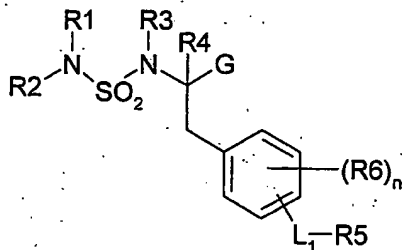
The PCT patent applications number WO 00/67746, WO 00/51974, WO 00/43415, WO 00/73260, WO 98/58902, WO 98/04247, WO 99/26921, WO 98/53818 and WO 00/71572 disclose compounds that inhibit the binding of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins to their receptors and their use in the treatment or prevention of diseases mediated by  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  binding and/or by cell adhesion and activation, such as multiple sclerosis, asthma, allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, inflammatory lung diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, septic arthritis, type I diabetes, rejection following organ transplantation, restenosis, rejection following autologous bone marrow transplantation, inflammatory sequelae of viral infections, atopic dermatitis, myocarditis, inflammatory bowel disease including ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, certain types of toxic and immune-based nephritis, contact dermal hypersensitivity, psoriasis, tumor metastasis, atherosclerosis and cerebral ischemia.

We have now found that a novel series of N-(2-phenylethyl)sulfamide derivatives are potent and selective antagonists of the  $\alpha 4$  integrins, both the  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  integrin and/or the  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrin and are therefore useful in the treatment or prevention of these pathological conditions, diseases and disorders.

The compounds of the present invention can also be used in combination with other drugs known to be effective in the treatment of these diseases. For example, they can be used in combination with retinoids, vitamine D analogues, steroids, PUVA/UVB,

cyclosporine, methotrexate, anti-TNF- $\alpha$  or phosphodiesterase 4 inhibitors in the treatment of psoriasis, since these compounds have complementary mechanisms of action to  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  integrin antagonist.

The present invention provides a compound according to Formula I:



Formula I

wherein:

- G is a COOH group or a tetrazolyl group
- R1 and R2 are independently selected from hydrogen atoms and alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkylalkynyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkynyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, heterocyclylalkenyl, heterocyclylalkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylalkenyl, or heteroarylalkynyl groups;

or R1 and R2 form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, either a 3- to 14- membered monocyclic or polycyclic heterocyclic ring system or a 5- to 14- membered heteroaryl group wherein said groups comprise from 1 to 5 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur;

wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, and alkynyl groups or moieties are unsubstituted or substituted with one to four substituents, which may be the same or different and are independently selected from Ra;

and wherein said cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl groups or moieties are unsubstituted or substituted with one to four substituents, which may be the same or different and are independently selected from Rb;

- R3 and R4 are independently selected from hydrogen atoms and alkyl groups having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms;
- R5 is selected from the group consisting of 6- to 14- membered monocyclic or polycyclic aryl groups and 5- to 14- membered monocyclic or polycyclic heteroaryl groups comprising from 1 to 5 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur;

wherein said aryl and heteroaryl groups or moieties are unsubstituted or substituted with one to four substituents, which may be the same or different and are independently selected from Rb;

- R6 is a group selected from -OH, -ORc, -NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, -S(O)Rc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>Rc, -SRc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>ORc, -S(O)NRcRc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NRcRc, -NRcRc, -O(CRcRc)<sub>m</sub>NRcRc, -C(O)Rc, -CO<sub>2</sub>Rc, -CO<sub>2</sub>(CRcRc)<sub>m</sub>CONRcRc, -OC(O)Rc, -CN, -C(O)NRcRc, -NRcC(O)Rc, -OC(O)NRcRc, -NRcC(O)ORc, -NRcC(O)NRcRc, -CRc(N-ORc), -CFH<sub>2</sub>, -CF<sub>2</sub>H, -Ra, -CF<sub>3</sub>, alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl;
- n is an integer from 0 to 3;
- Ra is a group selected from alkyl, -OH, -ORc, -NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, -S(O)Rc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>Rc, -SRc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>ORc, -S(O)NRcRc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NRcRc, -NRcRc, -O(CRcRc)<sub>m</sub>NRcRc, -C(O)Rc, -CO<sub>2</sub>Rc, -CO<sub>2</sub>(CRcRc)<sub>m</sub>CONRcRc, -OC(O)Rc, -CN, -C(O)NRcRc, -NRcC(O)Rc, -OC(O)NRcRc, -NRcC(O)ORc, -NRcC(O)NRcRc, -CRc(N-ORc), -CFH<sub>2</sub>, -CF<sub>2</sub>H, Ra, or -CF<sub>3</sub>; wherein if two or more Rc groups are present these may be the same or different;
- Rb is a group selected from -OH, -ORd, -NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, -S(O)Rd, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>Rd, -SRd, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>ORd, -S(O)NRdRd, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NRdRd, -NRdRd, -O(CRdRd)<sub>m</sub>NRdRd, -C(O)Rd, -CO<sub>2</sub>Rd, -CO<sub>2</sub>(CRdRd)<sub>m</sub>CONRdRd, -OC(O)Rd, -CN, -C(O)NRdRd, -NRdC(O)Rd, -OC(O)NRdRd, -NRdC(O)ORD, -NRdC(O)NRdRd, -CRd(N-ORD), -CFH<sub>2</sub>, -CF<sub>2</sub>H, Ra, -

CF<sub>3</sub>, alkyl, alkenyl, C<sub>2-4</sub>alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl or heteroarylalkyl; wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl groups or moieties are unsubstituted or substituted with one to four substituents which may be the same or different and are independently selected from Ra;

- L1 is either a direct bond or a group selected from the group consisting of -N(Rc)-, -O-, -N(Rc)CO-, -CON(Rc)-, -O(CO)N(Rc)- and -N(Rc)(CO)O-;
- Rc is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms;
- Rd is alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkylalkynyl, cycloalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkynyl, heterocyclyl, heterocyclylalkyl, heterocyclylalkenyl, heterocyclylalkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, arylalkenyl, arylalkynyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylalkenyl, or heteroarylalkynyl;

wherein said alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl groups are unsubstituted or substituted with one to four substituents, which may be the same or different and are independently selected from Re;

- Re is a group selected from alkyl, -OH, -ORc, -NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, -S(O)Rc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>Rc, -SRc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>ORc, -S(O)NRcRc, -S(O)<sub>2</sub>NRcRc, -NRcRc, -O(CRcRc)<sub>m</sub>NRcRc, -C(O)Rc, -CO<sub>2</sub>Rc, -CO<sub>2</sub>(CRcRc)<sub>m</sub>CONRcRc, -OC(O)Rc, -CN, -C(O)NRcRc, -NRcC(O)Rc, -OC(O)NRcRc, -NRcC(O)ORc, -NRcC(O)NRcRc, -CRc(N-ORc), -CFH<sub>2</sub>, -CF<sub>2</sub>H, -Ra, or -CF<sub>3</sub>; wherein if two or more Rc groups are present these may be the same or different;

and any pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as well as any compound resulting from the esterification, with any alcohol, of the carboxylic group in the case where G is such a carboxylic group and any pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Further objectives of the present invention are to provide processes for preparing said compounds; pharmaceutical compositions comprising an effective amount of said compounds; the use of the compounds in the manufacture of a medicament for the

treatment of diseases susceptible of being improved by inhibition of the binding of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins to their receptors; and methods of treatment of diseases susceptible to amelioration by inhibition of the binding of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins to their receptors, which methods comprise the administration of the compounds of the invention to a subject in need of treatment.

As used herein (either alone or within other terms such as cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkyl, heterocyclalkyl, arylalkyl and heteroarylalkyl), the term alkyl embraces optionally substituted, linear or branched radicals having 1 to 20 carbon atoms or, preferably 1 to 12 carbon atoms. More preferably alkyl radicals are "lower alkyl" radicals having 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 6 and more preferably 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

Examples include methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl and tert-butyl, n-pentyl, 1-methylbutyl, 2-methylbutyl, isopentyl, 1-ethylpropyl, 1,1-dimethylpropyl, 1,2-dimethylpropyl, n-hexyl or 1-ethylbutyl, 2-ethylbutyl, 1,1-dimethylbutyl, 1,2-dimethylbutyl, 1,3-dimethylbutyl, 2,2-dimethylbutyl, 2,3-dimethylbutyl, 2-methylpentyl, 3-methylpentyl, iso-hexyl radicals.

As used herein (either alone or within other terms such as cycloalkylalkenyl, cycloalkenylalkenyl, heterocyclalkenyl, arylalkenyl and heteroarylalkenyl), the term alkenyl embraces optionally substituted, linear or branched, mono or polyunsaturated radicals having 1 to 20 carbon atoms or, preferably, 1 to 12 carbon atoms. More preferably alkenyl radicals are "lower alkenyl" radicals having 2 to 8, preferably 2 to 6 and more preferably 2 to 4 carbon atoms. In particular it is preferred that the alkenyl radicals are mono or diunsaturated.

Examples include vinyl, allyl, 1-propenyl, isopropenyl, 1-butenyl, 2-butenyl, 3-butenyl, 1-pentenyl, 2-pentenyl, 3-pentenyl and 4-pentenyl radicals.

As used herein (either alone or within other terms such as cycloalkylalkynyl, cycloalkenylalkynyl, heterocyclalkynyl, arylalkynyl and heteroarylalkynyl), the term alkynyl embraces optionally substituted, linear or branched, mono or polyunsaturated radicals having 1 to 20 carbon atoms or, preferably, 1 to 12 carbon atoms. More preferably, alkynyl radicals are "lower alkynyl" radicals having 2 to 8, preferably 2 to 6 and

more preferably 2 to 4 carbon atoms. In particular, it is preferred that the alkynyl radicals are mono or diunsubstituted.

Examples include 1-propynyl, 2-propynyl, 1-butynyl, 2-butynyl and 3-butynyl radicals.

As used herein (either alone or within other terms such as arylalkyl, arylalkenyl and arylalkynyl), the term aryl radical embraces typically a C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> monocyclic or polycyclic aryl radical such as phenyl or naphthyl, anthranyl or phenanthryl. Phenyl is preferred. When an aryl radical carries 2 or more substituents, the substituents may be the same or different.

As used herein, the term heteroaryl (either alone or within other terms such as heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylalkenyl and heteroarylalkynyl), radical embraces typically a 5- to 14- membered ring system comprising at least one heteroaromatic ring and containing at least one heteroatom selected from O, S and N. A heteroaryl radical may be a single ring or two or more fused rings wherein at least one ring contains a heteroatom.

Examples include pyridyl, pyrazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyridazinyl, furyl, oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, pyridinyl, benzothiazolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, quinolyl, isoquinolyl, phthalazinyl, naphthyridinyl, quinoxalinyl, quinazolinyl, quinoliziny, cinnoliny, triazolyl, indoliziny, indoliny, isoindoliny, isoindolyl, indolyl, indazolyl, purinyl, imidazolidinyl, pteridinyl and pyrazolyl radicals.

Oxadiazolyl, oxazolyl, pyridyl, pyrrolyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, thiadiazolyl, thienyl, furanyl, pyrazinyl and pyrimidinyl radicals are preferred.

When a heteroaryl radical carries 2 or more substituents, the substituents may be the same or different.

As used herein (either alone or within other terms such as cycloalkylalkyl, cycloalkylalkenyl and cycloalkylalkynyl), the term cycloalkyl embraces saturated carbocyclic radicals and, unless otherwise specified, a cycloalkyl radical typically has from 3 to 7 carbon atoms.

Examples include cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl and cycloheptyl. It is preferably cyclopropyl, cyclopentyl or cyclohexyl. When a cycloalkyl radical carries 2 or more substituents, the substituents may be the same or different.

As used herein (either alone or within other terms such as cycloalkenylalkyl, cycloalkenylalkenyl and cycloalkenylalkynyl), the term cycloalkenyl embraces partially unsaturated carbocyclic radicals and, unless otherwise specified, a cycloalkenyl radical typically has from 4 to 7 carbon atoms.

Examples include cyclobutenyl, cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl and cycloheptenyl. It is preferably cyclopentenyl or cyclohexenyl. When a cycloalkenyl radical carries 2 or more substituents, the substituents may be the same or different.

As used herein (either alone or within other terms such as heterocyclalkyl, heterocyclalkenyl and heterocyclalkynyl), the term heterocycl radical embraces typically a non-aromatic, saturated or unsaturated, monocyclic or polycyclic, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>14</sub> carbocyclic ring system, such as a 5, 6 or 7 membered radical, in which one or more, for example 1, 2, 3 or 4 of the carbon atoms preferably 1 or 2 of the carbon atoms are replaced by a heteroatom selected from N, O and S. Saturated heterocycl radicals are preferred. A heterocyclic radical may be a single ring or two or more fused rings wherein at least one ring contains a heteroatom. When a heterocycl radical carries 2 or more substituents, the substituents may be the same or different.

Examples of heterocyclic radicals include piperidyl, pyrrolidyl, pyrrolinyl, piperazinyl, morpholinyl, thiomorpholinyl, pyrrolyl, azepanyl, pyrazolinyl, pirazolidinyl, quinuclidinyl, triazolyl, pyrazolyl, tetrazolyl, cromanyl, isocromanyl, imidazolidinyl, imidazolyl, oxiranyl, azaridinyl, 4,5-dihydro-oxazolyl and 3-aza-tetrahydrofuranyl. Where a heterocycl radical carries 2 or more substituents, the substituents may be the same or different.

In one embodiment of the present invention G is a COOH group as well as any compound resulting from the esterification, with an alcohol, of the COOH group, preferably a free COOH group and salts thereof.

In another embodiment of the present invention R3 and R4 are hydrogen atoms.

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Typically, R1 and R2 are independently selected from hydrogen atoms and alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclylalkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl groups, wherein said alkyl, cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, aryl and heteroaryl groups or moieties are unsubstituted or substituted.

Preferably, R1 and R2 form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, either a 5- to 8- membered monocyclic heterocyclic ring system, wherein said ring system comprise from 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur and is unsubstituted or substituted.

In another embodiment of the present invention R5 is selected from the group consisting of 6- to 14- membered monocyclic or polycyclic aryl and 5- to 14- membered monocyclic or polycyclic heteroaryl groups comprising from 1 to 5 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen and sulphur wherein said aryl and heteroaryl groups or moieties are unsubstituted or substituted; said aryl or heteroaryl groups being preferably unsubstituted or substituted by one or more halogen atoms.

In another embodiment of the present invention L1 is a group selected from -NH-, -O- and -NHCO-.

In still another embodiment of the present invention R5-L1- is selected from the group comprising benzamide, isonicotinamide, 2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino, 2,7-naphthyridin-1-ylamino, 2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy and 2,7-naphthyridin-1-yloxy wherein said groups are unsubstituted or substituted.

In another embodiment of the present invention n is zero.

Preferred compounds of formula I have an S-configuration at the carbon atom alpha to the G group.

Particularly preferred compounds of formula I include:

- (2S)-2-[[[(tert-butylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid

- Methyl (2S)-2-(*N*-benzylaminosulfonylamino)-3-[4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)phenyl]propionate
- (2S)-2-(*N*-benzylaminosulfonylamino)-3-[4-(2,6-dichlorobenzoylamino)phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino} propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino} propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[[1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)methanoyl]amino]phenyl}-2-(piperidine-1-sulfonylamino)propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[[1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)methanoyl]amino]phenyl}-2-(piperidine-1-sulfonylamino)propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[[benzyl(ethyl)amino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-2-[[benzylethylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dibutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dibutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]isobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]isobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[[bis(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate

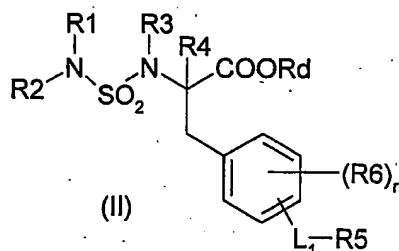
- (2S)-2-([bis(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-([methyl(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-([methyl(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[(cyclohexylmethylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-2-[(cyclohexylmethylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-([(3-methylbutyl)(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-([(3-methylbutyl)(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(piperidin-1-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionate
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- Methyl (2S)-2-[(azepan-1-ylsulfonyl)amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-2-[(azepan-1-ylsulfonyl)amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(morpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionate
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- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(thiomorpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(thiomorpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-2-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl}propionic acid

- Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate
- (2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate
- (2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino}propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid
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- Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate

- (2S)-2-[[[(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid
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- (2S)-2-[[[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate
- (2S)-2-[[[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid
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- (2S)-2-[[[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[[[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]propionate
- (2S)-2-[[[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[[[isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]propionate
- (2S)-2-[[[isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-[[[isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-[(3,5-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl]propionate
- (2S)-2-[[[isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-[(3,5-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl]propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-[4-[(2,6-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]-2-[[[isobutyl[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino]sulfonyl]amino]propionate
- (2S)-3-[4-[(2,6-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]-2-[[[isobutyl[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino]sulfonyl]amino]propionic acid

- Methyl (2S)-2-({[cyclopentyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-2-({[cyclopentyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[isobutyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[isobutyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-({[cyclohexyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-2-({[cyclohexyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[isobutyl[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino]sulfonyl}amino)propionate
- (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[isobutyl[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino]sulfonyl}amino)propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-2-({[methyl(phenyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-2-({[methyl(phenyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid
- Methyl (2S)-({[2-(phenylsulfonyl)phenyl]amino}sulfonyl)amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate
- (2S)-({[2-(phenylsulfonyl)phenyl]amino}sulfonyl)amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid

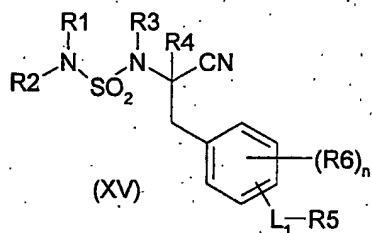
The present invention also provides processes for preparing a compound of the invention. Thus a compound of Formula I in which Z is a -COOH group may be obtained by hydrolysis of an ester of formula (II):



where Rd is selected from the group comprising C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and aryl-C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, preferably methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, tert-butyl and benzyl.

The hydrolysis may be performed using either an acid or a base depending on the nature of Rd, for example a base such as lithium, sodium or potassium hydroxide in an aqueous organic solvent mixture such as methanol, ethanol, tetrahydrofuran, diethyl ether, dioxane at a temperature of from 20°C to 100°C. In the case of acid hydrolysis in an acid such as trifluoroacetic acid the reaction is performed at room temperature.

Additionally, compounds of Formula I in which Z is a tetrazole group may be obtained by standard conditions treating the corresponding nitrile derivative of formula



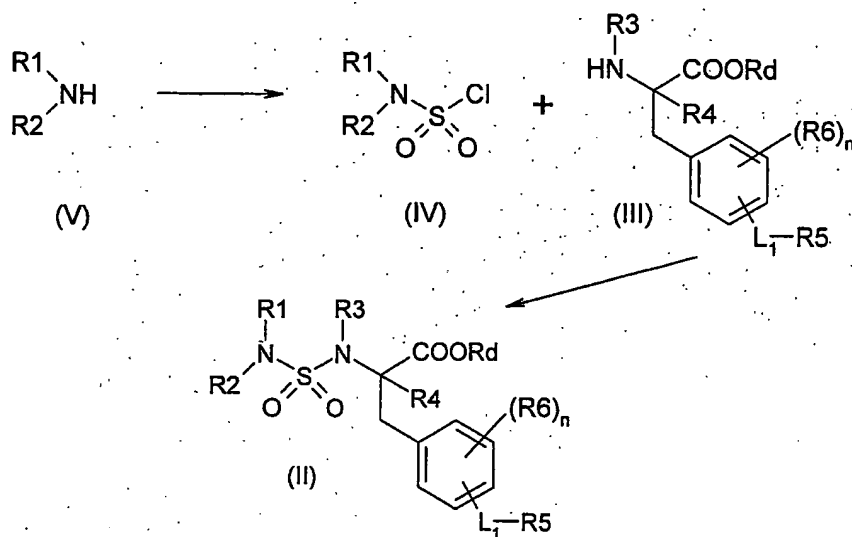
(XV):

with sodium azide or tributyltinazide in an inert organic solvent such as dimethylformamide, toluene, xylene, tetrahydrofuran, e.g. in the presence, in some cases, of an acid such as ammonium chloride, e.g. at a temperature of from room temperature to 140°C.

The nitrile derivatives of formula (XV) may be prepared from the corresponding primary amide by methods known *per se*, e.g. Z. Groznka, et al. *Roczniki Chemii Ann. Soc. Chim. Polonorum* (1971), 45, 967. The primary amides may be obtained by standard conditions. By way of illustration, an ester of formula (II) can be treated with saturated solution of ammonia in methanol, ethanol or dioxane, e.g. at room temperature to provide the corresponding primary amide.

A number of different synthetic schemes are available for the preparation of the esters of formula (II). Five of these schemes are explained in detail under the headings Scheme 1 to Scheme 5.

### Scheme 1

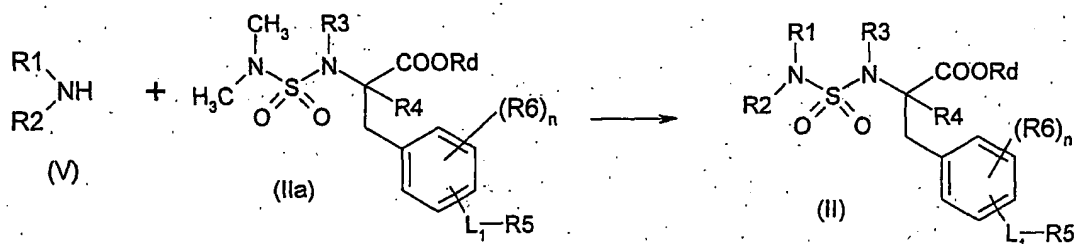


Esters of formula (II), wherein the  $\text{R}_1$ ,  $\text{R}_2$  and  $\text{R}_3$  are as described above, may be prepared by reaction of the corresponding amine of formula (III) or a salt thereof with a corresponding sulfamoyl chloride of formula (IV).

The reaction may be carried out under standard conditions for this type of reaction in the presence of a base such as triethylamine, diisopropylethyl amine, DBU, e. g. in an inert organic solvent such as dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane at a temperature of from  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $70^\circ\text{C}$ .

When the sulfamoyl chloride (IV) is not commercially available, these compounds could be prepared by standard conditions treating the corresponding amine (V) with sulfuryl chloride, fuming sulfuric acid or chlorosulfonic acid in the presence of a base such as pyridine, triethylamine, diisopropylethyl amine, e. g. followed by treatment with phosphorous pentachloride in an inert organic solvent such as dichloromethane, chloroform, benzene, toluene, e.g. at a temperature of from  $0^\circ\text{C}$  to  $80^\circ\text{C}$ .

Amines of formula (V) that are not commercially available, wherein R1 and R2 are different from H, could be prepared from the corresponding primary amines by a reductive alkylation process employing the corresponding aldehyde and a borohydride, for example sodium triacetoxyborohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride, in a solvent such as dichloromethane, acetone, ethanol, methanol, trimethylorthoformate, in the presence of an acid, where necessary, such as acetic acid at a temperature of from room temperature to 80°C. Alternatively, an alkylation process could be performed using the corresponding halide, sulphonate, sulphate derivative, e.g. preferably in an inert organic solvent such as toluene, dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, acetone, methyl isobutyl ketone, dimethylformamide, e.g. and in the presence of a base such as triethylamine, diisopropylethylamine, DBU, potassium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, cesium hydroxide, e.g. at a temperature of from room temperature to 130°C.

**Scheme 2**

Alternatively, esters of formula (II) wherein R1, R2 and R3 is as described above, may be prepared by reaction of the corresponding amine (V) with a dimethyl sulfamide of formula (IIa).

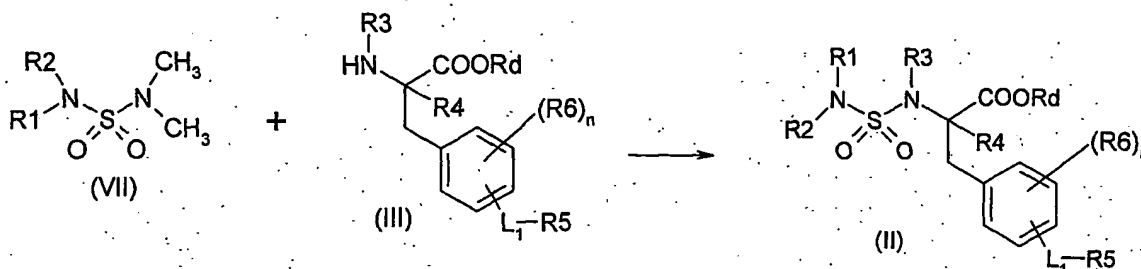
The reaction between the amine (V) and sulfamide (IIa) may be carried out in an inert organic solvent such as pyridine, acetonitrile, dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, 1,1,2-trichloroethane e.g. at a temperature of from 50 °C to 130°C.

The sulfamide of formula (IIa) may be obtained by reacting a corresponding amine (III) with dimethylsulfamoyl chloride in the presence of a base such as pyridine, triethylamine, diisopropylethyl amine, DBU, e. g. in an inert organic solvent such as

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pyridine, dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane at a temperature of from 0°C to room temperature.

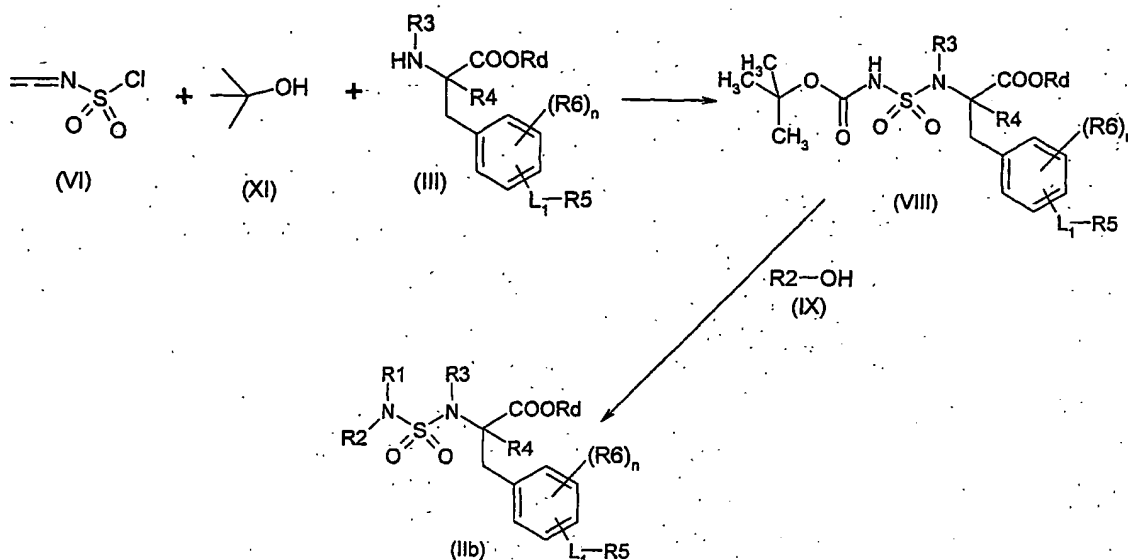
### Scheme 3



Additionally, ester of formula (II) wherein R1, R2 and R3 is as described above, may be prepared by reaction of the corresponding amine of formula (III) or a salt thereof with a corresponding sulfamide of formula (VII).

The reaction between the amine (III) and sulfamide (VII) may be carried out in an inert organic solvent such as pyridine, acetonitrile, dioxane, tetrahydrofuran, toluene, 1,1,2-trichloroethane e.g. at a temperature of from 50 °C to 130°C.

The sulfamide of formula (VII) may be obtained by reacting a corresponding amine (V) with dimethylsulfamoyl chloride in the presence of a base such as pyridine, triethylamine, diisopropylethyl amine, DBU, e. g. in an inert organic solvent such as pyridine, dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane at a temperature of from 0°C to room temperature.

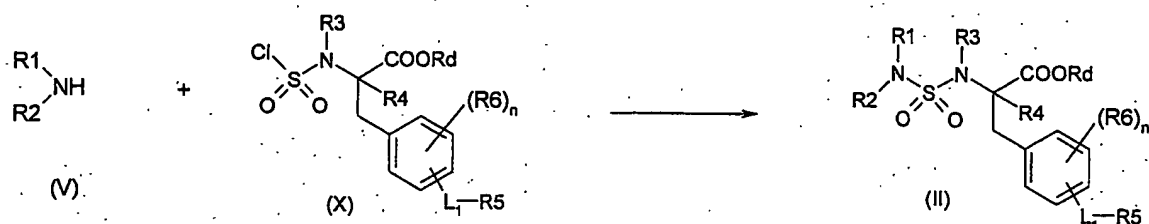
**Scheme 4**

Esters of formula (II), wherein the R1 is hydrogen and R2 and R3 are as described above, may be prepared by reaction of the corresponding sulfamide of formula (III) with a corresponding alcohol of formula (IX):

The reaction may be carried out under standard Mitsunobu conditions in the presence of a phosphine such as triphenylphosphine, tributylphosphine, and an adduct of a carbonyl derivative such as DEAD, DIAD, ADDP, e.g. in an inert organic solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, diethylether at a temperature of from 0°C to 100°C.

The sulfamide of formula (VIII) may be obtained by reacting a corresponding sulfamide (III) with *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-[4-(dimethylazaniumylidene)-1,4-dihydropyridin-2-yl]sulfonamide (prepared as described by Jean-Yves Winum et al. in *Organic Letters* 2001, 3, 2241) in the presence of a base such as pyridine, triethylamine, diisopropylethylamine, DBU, e. g. in an inert organic solvent such as tetrahydrofuran, dioxane, diethylether, e. g. at a temperature of from 0°C to 100°C.

Additionally, the reaction may be performed by reacting the amine (III) with a chlorosulfonyl isocyanate and *tert*-butanol in the presence of a base such as pyridine, triethylamine, diisopropylamine, DBU, e. g. in an inert organic solvent such as chloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane at a temperature of from -20°C to room temperature.

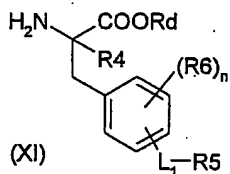
**Scheme 5**

Alternatively, esters of formula (II) wherein R1, R2 and R3 is as described above, may be prepared by reaction of the corresponding amine (V) with sulfamoyl chloride of formula (X).

The reaction may be carried out under standard conditions for this type of reaction in the presence of a base such as triethylamine, diisopropylethylamine, DBU, e. g. in an inert organic solvent such as dichloromethane, tetrahydrofuran, dioxane at a temperature of from 0°C to 70°C.

The sulfamoyl chloride of formula (X) may be obtained by reacting a corresponding amine (III) with sulfonyl chloride, fuming sulfuric acid or chlorosulfonic acid in the presence of a base such as pyridine, triethylamine, diisopropylethyl amine, e. g. followed by treatment with phosphorous pentachloride in an inert organic solvent such as dichloromethane, chloroform, benzene, toluene, e.g. at a temperature of from 0°C to 80°C.

The aminoesters of formula (III) where R3 is not hydrogen can be prepared under reductive amination reaction conditions by reacting a corresponding alpha-amino acetate (XI)



with an aldehyde or ketone in the presence of a reducing agent (e.g. sodium cyanoborohydride, sodium triacetoxyborohydride, and the like) and an organic acid (e.g., glacial acetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, and the like) at room temperature. Suitable solvents

for the reaction are halogenated hydrocarbons (e.g. 1,2-dichloroethane, chloroform, and the like)

The intermediates of formula (III) and amines of formula (V) are known compounds or may be prepared from known starting materials by methods well known in the field of organic chemistry and described in particular in the following publications: WO 98/58902, WO99/36393, WO99/43642, WO00/43372, WO00/73260, WO01/79173, WO01/32610 and WO02/20522.

In any of the heregoing general description of the synthesis of compounds of Formula I, intermediate compounds at any stage may contain protecting groups to protect functionalities which would otherwise react under the conditions described. Such protecting groups are added and removed at appropriate stages during the synthesis of compounds of Formula I and the chemistries of such protections and deprotections are well described in the prior art (for example: T.W. Green and P.G.M. Wuts, "Protecting Groups in Organic Synthesis"; John Wiley and Sons, Inc., Third Edition, 1999).

Where it is desired to obtain a particular enantiomer of a compound of Formula I this may be produced from the corresponding mixture of enantiomers using a suitable conventional procedure for resolving enantiomers. Thus for example, diastereomeric derivatives, e.g. salts, may be produced by reaction of a mixture of enantiomers of Formula I e.g. a racemate, and an appropriate chiral compound, e.g. a chiral base. The diastereomers may then be separated by any convenient means, for example by crystallisation and the desired enantiomer recovered, e.g. by treatment with an acid in the instance where the diastereomer is a salt. In another resolution process a racemate of Formula I may be separated using chiral High Performance Liquid Chromatography.

Alternatively, if desired, a particular enantiomer may be obtained by using an appropriate chiral intermediate in one of the processes described above.

The compounds of Formula I can be converted by methods known per se into pharmaceutically acceptable salts by reaction with an alkali metal hydroxide such as sodium or potassium hydroxide or an organic base. The acid or alkali addition salts so formed may be interchanged with suitable pharmaceutically acceptable counterions using processes known per se.

Also compounds of Formula I in which there is the presence of an basic group may be converted into pharmacologically acceptable salts, preferably acid addition salts by treatment with organic or inorganic acids such as fumaric, tartaric, citric, succinic or hydrochloric acid

### **Pharmacological action**

The present invention also provides a method for treating a subject afflicted with a pathological condition susceptible to amelioration by antagonism of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins, which comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of a compound of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as well as the use of a compound of the invention in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a pathological condition susceptible of being improved or prevented by antagonism of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins.

Those of skill in the art are well aware of the pathological conditions susceptible to amelioration by antagonism of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins. Such conditions include, for example, conditions susceptible to amelioration by administration of a known anti- $\alpha 4$  antibody. The compounds of the invention can therefore be used to ameliorate any pathological condition susceptible to amelioration by an anti- $\alpha 4$  antibody.

The following assays demonstrate the activity of the compounds.

#### **U-937 cell adhesion to human VCAM-1 ( $\alpha 4\beta 1$ binding assay)**

Recombinant human soluble VCAM-1 (R&D Systems Ltd., UK) at 2  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  in PBS was immobilized overnight onto microtiter plates. Unbound VCAM-1 was washed away and VCAM-1 coated plates were blocked with bovine serum albumin (BSA) 2,5 % in PBS for 2h at room temperature. U-937 cells were labelled with 5-carboxyfluorescein diacetate (5-CFDA) in order to detect bound cells to the wells. Test compounds were added to the wells followed by U-937 cells and the adhesion assay was performed for 1h at 37°C. Following incubation, the wells were emptied and washed. Inhibition of binding was measured by the quantity of fluorescence bound to the plate for each of the various

concentrations of test compound, as well as for controls containing no test compound, with a Cytofluor 2300 fluorescence measurement system.

**RPML 8866 cell adhesion to mouse MAdCAM-1 ( $\alpha 4\beta 7$  binding assay)**

Recombinant mouse MAdCAM-1 was coated on a 96-well plate overnight. Unbound MAdCAM-1 was washed away and plates were blocked with 0,5 % BSA. Cells were labelled with BCECF-AM and added to ligand-coated wells. Test compounds were added to the wells followed by RPML 8866 and the adhesion assay was performed for 45 min at room temperature. Following incubation, the wells were emptied and washed. Inhibition of binding was measured by the quantity of fluorescence bound to the plate for each of the various concentrations of test compound, as well as for controls containing no test compound, with a Cytofluor 2300 fluorescence measurement system.

Compounds of the invention generally have IC50 values in the  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  assays below 10  $\mu\text{M}$ . The compounds of the Examples typically had IC50 values of 1  $\mu\text{M}$  and below. Most preferred compounds of the current invention displayed IC50 values of below 100 nM in one or both of the adhesion assays.

The following Examples have IC50 values in the  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  assays between 100 nM and 1  $\mu\text{M}$ : 1, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 41, 43, 45, 49, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65 and 73

The following Examples have IC50 values in the  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  assays below 100 nM: 3, 51, 69, 71, 77 and 81.

The ability of the compounds of Formula I to antagonize the actions of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  integrins make them useful for inhibiting cell (e.g. leukocyte) adhesion processes, including cell activation, migration, proliferation and differentiation, thus preventing or reversing the symptoms of immune or inflammatory disorders and of other pathological conditions known to be mediated by the binding of  $\alpha 4\beta 1$  and/or  $\alpha 4\beta 7$  to their various respective ligands. The subject in need of treatment is typically a mammal, in particular a human.

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Preferably, said pathological condition, disease or disorder is selected from multiple sclerosis, asthma, allergic rhinitis, allergic conjunctivitis, inflammatory lung diseases, rheumatoid arthritis, polydermatomyositis, septic arthritis, type I diabetes, rejection following organ transplantation, restenosis, rejection following autologous bone marrow transplantation, inflammatory sequelae of viral infections, atopic dermatitis, myocarditis, inflammatory bowel disease including ulcerative colitis and Chron's disease, certain types of toxic and immune-based nephritis, contact dermal hypersensitivity, psoriasis, tumor metastasis, atherosclerosis and cerebral ischemia.

The magnitude of prophylactic or therapeutic dose of a compound of Formula I will, of course, vary with the nature of the severity of the condition to be treated and with the particular compound of Formula I and its route of administration. It will also vary according to the age, weight and response of the individual patient. In general, the daily dose range lie within the range of from about 0.001 mg to about 100 mg per kg body weight of a mammal, preferably 0.01 mg to about 50 mg per Kg, and most preferably 0.1 to 10 mg per kg, in single or divided doses. On the other hand, it may be necessary to use dosages outside these limits in some cases.

Any suitable route of administration may be employed for providing a mammal, especially a human, with an effective dosage of a compound of the present invention. For example, oral, rectal, topical, parenteral, ocular, pulmonary, nasal, and the like may be employed. Dosage forms include tablets, troches, dispersions, suspensions, solutions, capsules, creams, ointments, aerosols, and the like.

Another aspect of the present invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. Accordingly, the method of treatment or use of the present invention may also involve pharmaceutical compositions which comprise any compound of the invention, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

The term "composition", as in pharmaceutical composition, is intended to encompass a product comprising the active ingredient(s), and the inert ingredient(s) (pharmaceutically acceptable excipients) that make up the carrier, as well as any product which results, directly or indirectly, from combination, complexation or aggregation of any two or more of the ingredients, or from dissociation of one or more of the ingredients.

Accordingly, the pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention encompass any composition made by admixing a compound of the invention additional active ingredient(s), and pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.

The expression "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" refers to salts prepared from pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic bases or acids including inorganic bases or acids and organic bases or acids.

The compositions include compositions suitable for oral, rectal, topical, parenteral (including subcutaneous, intramuscular, and intravenous), ocular (ophthalmic), pulmonary (aerosol inhalation), or nasal administration, although the most suitable route in any given case will depend on the nature and severity of the conditions being treated and on the nature of the active ingredient. They may be conveniently presented in unit dosage form and prepared by any of the methods well-known in the art of pharmacy.

In practical use, the compounds of the invention can be combined as the active ingredient in intimate admixture with a pharmaceutical carrier according to conventional pharmaceutical compounding techniques. The carrier may take a wide variety of forms depending on the form of preparation desired for administration, e.g., oral or parenteral (including intravenous). In preparing the compositions for oral dosage form, any of the usual pharmaceutical media may be employed, such as, for example, water, glycols, oils, alcohols, flavouring agents, preservatives, coloring agents and the like in the case of oral liquid preparations, such as, for example, suspensions, elixirs and solutions; or carriers such as starches, sugars, microcrystalline cellulose, diluents, granulating agents, lubricants, binders, disintegrating agents and the like in the case of oral solid preparations such as, for example, powders, capsules and tablets, with the solid oral preparations being preferred over the liquid preparations. Because of their ease of administration, tablets and capsules represent the most advantageous oral dose unit form in which case solid pharmaceutical carriers are obviously employed. If desired, tablets may be coated by standard aqueous or nonaqueous techniques.

Compositions for parenteral injection may be prepared from soluble salts, which may be or may not be freeze-dried and which may be dissolved in pyrogen free aqueous media or other appropriate parenteral injection fluid.

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For administration by inhalation, the compounds of the present invention are conveniently delivered in the form of an aerosol spray presentation from pressurized packs of nebulisers. The compounds may also be delivered as powders, which may be formulated and the powder composition may be inhaled with the aid of an insufflation powder inhaler device. The preferred delivery systems for inhalation are metered dose inhalation (MDI) aerosol, which may be formulated as a suspension or solution of compound of Formula I in suitable propellants, such as fluorocarbons or hydrocarbons and dry powder inhalation (DPI) aerosol, which may be formulated as a dry powder of a compound of Formula I with or without additional excipients.

Suitable topical formulations of a compound of the invention include transdermal devices, aerosols, creams, gels, ointments, lotions, dusting powders, and the like.

### **EXAMPLES**

The syntheses of the compounds of the invention and of the intermediates for use therein are illustrated by the following Examples, including Preparation Examples (Preparations 1 and 2), which do not limit the scope of the invention in any way.

#### **PREPARATION 1:**

##### **Methyl (2S)-2-({[(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

To a suspension of methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-(*tert*-butoxycarbonyl)-*N*-[4-(dimethylazaniumylidene)-1,4-dihydropyridin-1-ylsulfonyl]azanide in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) was added triethylamine (0.25 g, 2.48 mmol) and the mixture was heated at 60°C overnight. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with hydrochloric acid 1N (25 mL) and brine (25 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford the title compound (0.63 g, 40%) as a colourless oil.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.90 (s, 1H), 10.70 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d, 1H), 7.55 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.40 (s, 9H).

#### **PREPARATION 2**

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-(4-nitrophenyl)propionate**

To a solution of dimethylsulfamoyl chloride (10.9 g, 76.16 mmol) in pyridine (55 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-(4-nitrophenyl)propionate (4.27 g, 19.04 mmol) in pyridine (55 mL) dropwise at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16h. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with hydrochloric acid 0.5 N (100 mL) and brine (100 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford the title compound (3.51 g, 56%) as a white solid.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 8.15 (d, 2H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.60 (s, 3H), 3.00 (m, 2H), 2.30 (s, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 1****(2S)-2-[[[(tert-butylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

To a solution of methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate (0.25 g, 0.62 mmol) and triethylamine (0.31 g, 3.09 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of 2-methylpropane-2-sulfonyl chloride (0.32g, 1.85 mmol) (prepared as described in J. A. Klok and K. L. Leschinsky *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 4028) in methylene chloride (4 mL) dropwise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16h. The volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the residue was partitioned between ethyl acetate (50 mL) and water (100 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (methylene chloride:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford the title compound (0.05 g, 16%) as a white solid.

A solution of the solid above (0.05 g, 0.1 mmol) and LiOH.H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mg, 0.24 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2h. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting aqueous solution was acidified with hydrochloric acid until pH 6. The precipitate was collected by filtration to obtain the title compound (0.04 g, 82%) as a white solid.

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$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.62 (bs, 1H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.56 (d, 2H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 4.34 (m, 1H), 3.15 (m, 2H), 1.26 (s, 9H).

**EXAMPLE 2****Methyl (2S)-2-(N-benzylaminosulfonilamino)-3-[4-(2,6dichlorobenzoylamino)phenyl] propionate**

To a solution of Preparation 1 (1 g, 1.59 mmol), benzyl alcohol (0.99 g, 9.52 mmol) and tributylphosphine (0.79 mL, 3.18 mmol) in THF (5 mL) at 0° under an argon atmosphere was added a solution of 1,1'-(azodicarbonyl)dipiperidine (0.80 g, 3.18 mL) in THF (4 mL) dropwise. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 24h and at 60° for an additional 24h, and concentrated under reduced pressure. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate, 3:2) to afford the title compound (0.12g, 14%) as a colourless oil.

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 11.31 (s, 1H), 10.74 (s, 1H), 8.62 (bs, 1H), 7.60 (m, 5H), 7.38 (m, 5H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 5.05 (s, 2H), 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.54 (s, 3H), 2.91 (m, 2H).

**EXAMPLE 3****(2S)-2-(N-benzylaminosulfonilamino)-3-[4-(2,6dichlorobenzoylamino)phenyl] propionic acid**

A solution of the crude above (0.19 g, 0.36 mmol) and LiOH.H<sub>2</sub>O (36 mg, 0.85 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (4 mL) and H<sub>2</sub>O (4 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2h. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting aqueous solution was acidified with citric acid until pH 2. The precipitate was collected by filtration to obtain the title compound (0.08 g, 43%) as a white solid.

m.p.: 157°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 10.68 (s, 1H), 7.49 (m, 5H), 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 4.96 (s, 2H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.00 (m, 1H), 2.80 (m, 1H).

**EXAMPLE 4****Methyl (2S)-3-[4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl]-2-[[[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]propionate**

To a solution of dimethylsulfamoyl chloride (0.7 g, 4.91 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate (0.45 g, 1.23 mmol) in pyridine (5 mL) dropwise at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16h. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with hydrochloric acid 0.5 N (100 mL) and brine (100 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford the title compound (0.33 g, 28%) as a white solid.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.64 (s, 1H), 7.85 (bs, 1H), 7.52 (m, 5H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 2.78 (m, 2H), 2.34 (s, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 5

**(2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino} propionic acid**

To a solution of the solid above (0.072 g, 0.015 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) was added NaOH 2N (2 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 2h. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting aqueous solution was acidified with citric acid until pH 2. The precipitate was collected by filtration to obtain the title compound (0.07 g, 70%) as a white solid.

m.p.: 186°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.70 (s, 1H), 7.72 (d, 1H), 7.58 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d, 2H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 6

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate following the same procedure described in Example 4.

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$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.59 (s, 2H), 7.85 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, 2H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 4.20 (d, 1H), 4.24 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.14 (m, 2H), 2.64 (s, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 7**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid**

The title compound (81%) was prepared from the compound of Example 6 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 197°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 12.85 (bs, 1H), 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.72 (d, 1H), 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.28 (d, 2H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.43 (s, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 8**

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[[1-(2,6-Dichlorophenyl)methanoyl]amino}phenyl}-2-(piperidine-1-sulfonylamino)propionate**

A mixture of compound from Example 4 (0.1 g, 0.211 mmol) and piperidine (0.18 g, 2.11 mmol) in dioxan (1 mL) was heated under reflux 20h. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with hydrochloric acid 2 N (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (methylene chloride:ethyl acetate, 10:1) to afford the title compound (0.03 g, 26%) as a white solid.

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 10.72 (s, 1H), 7.94 (d, 1H), 7.58 (m, 5H), 7.24 (d, 2H), 3.84 (m, 1H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 2.48 (m, 4H), 1.24 (m, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 9**

**(2S)-3-{4-[[1-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)methanoyl]amino}phenyl}-2-(piperidine-1-sulfonylamino)propionic acid**

The title compound (95%) was prepared from the compound of Example 8 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.76 (s, 1H), 7.92 (d, 1H), 7.54 (m, 5H), 7.26 (d, 2H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.92 (m, 2H), 2.50 (m, 4H), 1.27 (m, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 10**

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and diisobutylamine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.53 (s, 2H), 8.00 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, 2H), 7.18 (d, 2H), 5.02 (d, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.05 (m, 2H), 2.82 (d, 4H), 1.94 (m, 2H), 0.86 (d, 12H).

**EXAMPLE 11**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid**

The title compound (65%) was prepared from the compound of Example 10 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 209°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.81 (bs, 1H), 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.48 (d, 1H), 7.28 (d, 2H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.74 (m, 1H), 2.44 (d, 4H), 1.67 (m, 1H), 0.80 (d, 12H).

**EXAMPLE 12**

**Methyl (2S)-2-[(benzyl(ethyl)amino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and benzylethylamine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.24 (m, 7H), 3.89 (s, 2H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 3.57 (s, 3H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.79 (m, 3H), 0.80 (t, 3H).

**EXAMPLE 13**

**(2S)-2-[[[(benzylethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (94%) was prepared from the compound of Example 12 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 190°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.82 (bs, 1H), 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.81 (s, 2H), 7.81 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.26 (m, 7H), 3.90 (s, 2H), 3.83 (m, 1H), 2.97 (m, 1H), 2.80 (m, 3H), 0.803 (t, 3H).

**EXAMPLE 14**

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[[(dibutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and dipentylamine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.50 (s, 2H), 8.10 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, 2H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 5.05 (d, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.20 (m, 2H), 3.05 (m, 4H), 1.45 (m, 4H), 1.25 (m, 4H), 0.90 (m, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 15**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[[(dibutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]propionic acid**

The title compound (89%) was prepared from the compound of Example 14 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 167°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.78 (bs, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.55 (m, 3H), 7.28 (d, 2H), 3.72 (m, 1H), 2.96 (m, 1H), 2.73 (m, 5H), 1.28 (m, 8H), 0.85 (m, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 16**

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]isobutylamino)sulfonyl}amino)propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and *N*-[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]-*N*-isobutylamine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.55 (s, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 6.65 (m, 3H), 4.90 (d, 1H), 4.20 (m, 1H), 3.90 (s, 3H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.20 (m, 4H), 2.83 (m, 4H), 1.87 (m, 1H), 0.90 (d, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 17**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[2-(3,4-dimethoxyphenyl)ethyl]isobutylamino)sulfonyl}amino)propionic acid**

The title compound (85%) was prepared from the compound of Example 16 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 192°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 12.82 (bs, 1H), 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.65 (d, 1H), 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.27 (d, 2H), 6.86 (d, 1H), 6.78 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, 2H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.01 (m, 3H), 2.73 (m, 3H), 2.57 (m, 2H), 1.70 (m, 1H), 0.76 (d, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 18**

**Methyl (2S)-2-({[bis(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino)sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and *N,N*-bis(thien-2-ylmethyl)amine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.52 (s, 2H), 7.95 (s, 1H), 7.45 (d, 2H), 7.30 (dd, 2H), 7.07 (d, 2H), 6.99 (m, 4H), 5.43 (d, 1H), 4.39 (d, 4H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.07 (m, 2H).

**EXAMPLE 19**

**(2S)-2-([bis(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (89%) was prepared from the compound of Example 18 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 8.04 (d, 1H), 7.56 (d, 2H), 7.47 (dd, 2H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 6.86 (d, 2H), 4.06 (dd, 4H), 3.86 (m, 1H), 2.88 (m, 2H).

**EXAMPLE 20**

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-([methyl(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and *N*-methyl-*N*-(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.52 (s, 2H), 8.49 (d, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.63 (ddd, 1H), 7.51 (d, 2H), 7.17 (m, 4H), 5.46 (d, 1H), 4.15 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 3.03 (m, 4H), 2.64 (s, 3H).

**EXAMPLE 21**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-([methyl(2-pyridin-2-ylethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino)propionic acid**

The title compound (70%) was prepared from the compound of Example 20 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 8.50 (d, 1H), 8.28 (s, 1H), 7.75 (m, 2H), 7.57 (d, 2H), 7.26 (m, 4H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 3.39 (m, 2H), 2.77 (m, 4H), 2.46 (s, 3H).

**EXAMPLE 22**

**Methyl (2S)-2-([(cyclohexylmethylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and cyclohexylmethylamine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.56 (s, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, 2H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 4.98 (d, 1H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.53 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 2H), 2.59 (s, 3H), 1.71 (m, 5H), 1.31 (m, 5H).

#### EXAMPLE 23

**(2S)-2-[[[(cyclohexylmethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}]propionic acid**

The title compound (91%) was prepared from the compound of Example 22 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 196°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 12.59 (bs, 1H), 10.74 (s, 1H), 8.66 (s, 2H), 7.45 (m, 3H), 7.12 (d, 2H), 3.54 (m, 1H), 3.19 (m, 1H), 2.69 (m, 2H), 2.25 (s, 3H), 1.43 (m, 5H), 1.06 (m, 5H).

#### EXAMPLE 24

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[[(3-methylbutyl)(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino)propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 6 and *N*-(3-methylbutyl)-*N*-(thien-2-ylmethyl)amine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>-d<sub>6</sub>): 8.55 (s, 2H), 7.80 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.28 (m, 1H), 7.14 (d, 2H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 5.12 (d, 1H), 4.44 (s, 2H), 4.21 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.06 (m, 4H), 1.42 (m, 3H), 0.88 (m, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 25

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[[(3-methylbutyl)(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino)propionic acid**

The title compound (95%) was prepared from the compound of Example 24 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 187°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.83 (bs, 1H), 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.82 (s, 1H), 7.60 (d, 2H), 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.28 (d, 2H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 2.99 (m, 1H), 2.72 (m, 3H), 1.15 (m, 1H), 0.84 (m, 2H), 0.71 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 26

##### **Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(piperidin-1-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionate**

A mixture of Preparation 2 (0.25 g, 0.75 mmol) and piperidine (0.64 g, 7.5 mmol) in dioxan (3 mL) was heated under reflux 20h. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with hydrochloric acid 2 N (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The resulting crude oil (0.17 g, 60%) was used in the next reaction without further purification.

To a solution of the crude above (0.17 g, 0.45 mmol) in methanol (7 mL) were added zinc powder (0.29 g, 4.5 mmol) and ammonium chloride (0.36 g, 6.7 mmol) in portions. Then, water (3.5 mL) was added dropwise, after the mildly exothermic reaction subsided, the solution was stirred for 1h at room temperature. The mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was concentrated *in vacuo* until a yellow precipitate appeared. The precipitate was collected by filtration to yield methyl (2S)-3-(4-aminophenyl)-2-[[[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]propionate (0.13 g, 87%) as a yellow solid.

A solution of 3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl chloride (0.12 g, 0.58 mmol) in methylene chloride (1 mL) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of (2S)-3-(4-aminophenyl)-2-[[[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]propionate (0.133 g, 0.4 mmol) and *N*-methylmorpholine (0.07 g, 0.72 mmol) in methylene chloride (5 mL) at 0°C. The reaction mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with methylene chloride and washed with hydrochloric acid 1 N (10 mL) and brine (10 mL). The organic layer was dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (methylene chloride:ethyl acetate, 3:1) to afford the title compound (0.06 g, 28%) as a white solid.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.59 (s, 2H), 7.8 (s, 1H), 7.52 (d, 2H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 5.10 (d, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.05 (m, 6H), 1.50 (m, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 27**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(piperidin-1-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionic acid**

The title compound (81%) was prepared from the compound of Example 26 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 208°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 12.82 (bs, 1H), 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.79 (s, 2H), 7.65 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.30 (d, 2H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 2.98 (m, 1H), 2.67 (m, 5H), 1.26 (m, 6H).

**EXAMPLE 28**

**Methyl (2S)-2-[(azepan-1-ylsulfonyl)amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Preparation 2 and azepane following the same procedure described in Example 26.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.55 (s, 2H), 7.90 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, 2H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 5.05 (d, 1H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.80 (s, 3H), 3.18 (m, 4H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 8H).

**EXAMPLE 29**

**(2S)-2-[(azepan-1-ylsulfonyl)amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (93%) was prepared from the compound of Example 28 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 185°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 12.80 (bs, 1H), 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.29 (d, 2H), 3.78 (m, 1H), 2.81 (m, 6H), 1.42 (m, 8H).

**EXAMPLE 30**

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(morpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Preparation 2 and morpholine following the same procedure described in Example 26.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.80 (s, 1H), 8.62 (s, 2H), 8.01 (d, 1H), 7.40 (d, 2H), 7.10 (d, 2H), 3.75 (m, 1H), 3.50 (s, 3H), 3.25 (m, 4H), 2.80 (m, 1H), 2.50 (m, 5H).

**EXAMPLE 31**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(morpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionic acid**

The title compound (83%) was prepared from the compound of Example 30 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 152°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.90 (bs, 1H), 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.96 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.30 (d, 2H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.27 (m, 4H), 3.01 (m, 1H), 2.70 (m, 5H).

**EXAMPLE 32**

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(thiomorpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Preparation 2 and thiomorpholine following the same procedure described in Example 26.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.60 (d, 2H), 7.24 (d, 2H), 3.85 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.05 (m, 6H), 2.50 (m, 4H).

**EXAMPLE 33**

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(thiomorpholin-4-ylsulfonyl)amino]propionic acid**

The title compound (58%) was prepared from the compound of Example 32 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 5.

m.p.: 173°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.91 (bs, 1H), 10.91 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.93 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.29 (d, 2H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 6H), 2.45 (m, 4H).

#### EXAMPLE 34

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate**

To a solution of dimethylsulfamoyl chloride (4.07 g, 28.34 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL) under nitrogen atmosphere was added a solution of methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate (2.29 g, 7.08 mmol) in pyridine (20 mL) dropwise at 0°C. The mixture was stirred at room temperature for 16h. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with hydrochloric acid 0.5 N (200 mL) and brine (200 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate, 1:1) to afford the title compound (0.9 g, 38%) as a white solid.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, 1H), 8.19 (d, 1H), 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.44 (d, 1H), 7.26 (dd, 4H), 4.92 (d, 2H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 3.81 (s, 3H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.70 (s, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 35

**(2S)-2-[[[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid**

To a solution of the solid above (0.09 g, 0.21 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (2 mL) was added NaOH 2N (2 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 2h. The organic solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting aqueous solution was acidified with citric acid until pH 2. The precipitate was collected by filtration to obtain the title compound (0.05 g, 56%) as a white solid.

m.p.: 202°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.88 (bs, 1H), 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, 1H), 8.19 (d, 1H), 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.71 (m, 2H), 7.40 (d, 2H), 7.23 (d, 2H), 3.87 (m, 1H), 3.07 (m, 1H), 2.82 (m, 1H), 2.40 (s, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 36

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 34 and diisobutylamine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H), 8.09 (d, 1H), 7.44 (d, 1H), 7.25 (dd, 4H), 4.78 (d, 1H), 4.27 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.13 (m, 2H), 2.86 (d, 4H), 1.88 (m, 2H), 0.91 (d, 12H).

#### EXAMPLE 37

**(2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (93%) was prepared from the compound of Example 36 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 88°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.82 (bs, 1H), 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 8.08 (d, 1H), 7.70 (d, 1H), 7.55 (d, 1H), 7.39 (d, 2H), 7.23 (d, 2H), 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.04 (m, 2H), 2.75 (m, 4H), 1.72 (m, 2H), 0.78 (d, 12H).

#### EXAMPLE 38

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from the compound of Example 46 and diisobutylamine following the same procedure described in Example 8.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.17 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d, 1H), 8.20 (d, 1H), 7.68 (m, 3H), 7.19 (m, 4H), 4.91 (bs, 1H), 4.25 (bs, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.09 (m, 2H), 2.88 (d, 4H), 1.91 (m, 2H), 0.90 (d, 12H).

#### EXAMPLE 39

**(2S)-2-[[[(diisobutylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (79%) was prepared from the compound of Example 38 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 9.34 (s, 1H), 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, 1H), 8.42 (d, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.83 (d, 2H), 7.47 (d, 1H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 2H), 0.77 (d, 12H).

#### EXAMPLE 40

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino}propionate**

To a solution of methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride (0.79 g, 1.97 mmol) and 2,6-dimethylpiperidine-1-sulfonyl chloride (0.38 g, 1.79 mmol) (prepared as described in J. A. Klok and K. L. Leschinsky *J. Org. Chem.* **1976**, *41*, 4028) in tetrahydrofuran (14 mL) was added triethylamine (0.4 g, 3.94 mmol) under nitrogen atmosphere. The mixture was refluxed for 16h. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in dichloromethane and washed with citric acid 5% solution (100 mL) and brine (100 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate, 3:2) to afford the title compound (0.27 g, 28%) as a white solid.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.55 (d, 2H), 7.48 (s, 1H), 7.30 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 4.75 (d, 1H), 4.00 (m, 3H), 3.73 (s, 3H), 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.48 (m, 6H), 1.29 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 41

**(2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid**

The title compound (95%) was prepared from the compound of Example 40 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 159°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.74 (bs, 1H), 10.69 (s, 1H), 7.53 (m, 6H), 7.23 (d, 2H), 3.77 (m, 1H), 3.67 (m, 1H), 3.52 (m, 1H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 6H), 1.17 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 42

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and diisopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.55 (s, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, 2H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 5.01 (d, 1H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.76 (s, 3H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.11 (d, 2H), 1.23 (dd, 12H).

#### EXAMPLE 43

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid**

The title compound (70%) was prepared from the compound of Example 34 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 151°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.70 (bs, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.56 (d, 2H), 7.40 (bs, 1H), 7.25 (d, 2H), 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.44 (m, 2H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.11 (d, 6H), 1.01 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 44

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and 2,6-dimethylpiperidine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.56 (s, 2H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.54 (d, 2H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 5.00 (d, 1H), 4.02 (m, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.07 (m, 2H), 1.47 (m, 6H), 1.29 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 45

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino}propionic acid**

The title compound (64%) was prepared from the compound of Example 34 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 162°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 12.72 (bs, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.56 (d, 2H), 7.36 (bs, 1H), 7.26 (d, 2H), 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 6H), 1.15 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 46

**Methyl (2S)-2-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate following the same procedure described in Example 4.

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 9.37 (s, 1H), 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.70 (d, 1H), 8.43 (d, 1H), 8.16 (d, 1H), 7.97 (d, 1H), 7.84 (d, 2H), 7.28 (m, 3H), 3.95 (m, 1H), 3.66 (s, 3H), 2.90 (m, 2H), 2.42 (s, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 47

**(2S)-2-[(dimethylamino)sulfonyl]amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (51%) was prepared from the compound of Example 46 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 211°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.72 (bs, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.56 (d, 2H), 7.36 (bs, 1H), 7.26 (d, 2H), 3.74 (m, 2H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.35 (m, 6H), 1.15 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 48

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl]propionate hydrochloride and diisopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.46 (s, 1H), 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 4.74 (d, 1H), 4.17 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.59 (m, 2H), 3.08 (d, 2H), 1.23 (dd, 12H).

#### EXAMPLE 49

**(2S)-2-[[[(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (77%) was prepared from the compound of Example 48 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 168°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.65 (bs, 1H), 10.68 (s, 1H), 7.56 (m, 5H), 7.32 (bs, 1H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 3.64 (m, 1H), 3.43 (m, 2H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.11 (d, 6H), 1.01 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 50

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(cyclohexyl(isopropyl)amino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]propionate hydrochloride and cyclohexyl(isopropyl)amine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.56 (s, 2H), 7.84 (s, 1H), 7.55 (d, 2H), 7.19 (d, 2H), 4.94 (d, 1H), 4.14 (m, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.69 (m, 6H), 1.24 (m, 10H).

#### EXAMPLE 51

**(2S)-2-([(cyclohexyl(isopropyl)amino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (85%) was prepared from the compound of Example 50 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 162°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>): 10.86 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.55 (d, 2H), 7.24 (d, 2H), 7.10 (bs, 1H), 3.45 (m, 1H), 2.87 (m, 4H), 3.08 (m, 2H), 1.58 (m, 6H), 1.11 (m, 10H).

#### EXAMPLE 52

**Methyl (2S)-2-([(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate and diisopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.29 (s, 1H), 8.78 (d, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H), 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.43 (d, 2H), 7.22 (m, 4H), 4.81 (d, 1H), 4.21 (m, 2H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.62 (m, 2H), 3.13 (d, 2H), 1.27 (d, 6H), 1.24 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 53

**(2S)-2-([(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino)-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (70%) was prepared from the compound of Example 52 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 112°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, 1H), 8.17 (d, 1H), 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.69 (d, 1H), 7.79 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 2H), 7.22 (d, 2H), 3.74 (m, 1H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.96 (m, 2H), 1.14 (d, 6H), 1.04 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 54

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate and diisopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.20 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, 1H), 8.24 (d, 1H), 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.19 (d, 4H), 4.78 (d, 1H), 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.63 (m, 2H), 3.09 (d, 2H), 1.27 (d, 6H), 1.23 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 55

**(2S)-2-[[[(diisopropylamino)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (64%) was prepared from the compound of Example 54 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 195°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.70 (bs, 1H), 9.33 (s, 1H), 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.68 (d, 1H), 8.41 (d, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.80 (d, 2H), 7.49 (d, 1H), 7.29 (d, 1H), 7.22 (d, 2H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.46 (m, 2H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.12 (d, 6H), 1.02 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 56

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionate and 2,6-dimethylpiperidine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.34 (s, 1H), 9.24 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, 1H), 8.42 (d, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.79 (m, 3H), 7.30 (d, 1H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 3.77 (m, 3H), 3.61 (s, 3H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 1.36 (m, 6H), 1.16 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 57

**(2S)-2-[[[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-ylamino)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (80%) was prepared from the compound of Example 56 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 204°C.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.32 (s, 1H), 9.23 (s, 1H), 8.69 (d, 1H), 8.41 (d, 1H), 8.15 (d, 1H), 7.78 (d, 2H), 7.29 (d, 2H), 7.21 (d, 2H), 3.80 (m, 2H), 3.61 (m, 1H), 2.86 (m, 2H), 1.37 (m, 6H), 1.17 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 58

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate and 2,6-dimethylpiperidine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 8.09 (d, 1H), 7.80 (d, 1H), 7.71 (d, 1H), 7.35 (d, 2H), 7.23 (d, 2H), 3.76 (m, 3H), 3.64 (s, 3H), 2.93 (m, 2H), 1.38 (m, 6H), 1.17 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 59

**(2S)-2-[[[(2,6-dimethylpiperidin-1-yl)sulfonyl]amino]-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (76%) was prepared from the compound of Example 58 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 151°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.44 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.70 (d, 1H), 7.49 (d, 1H), 7.36 (d, 2H), 7.21 (d, 2H), 3.74 (m, 3H), 2.92 (m, 2H), 1.37 (m, 6H), 1.18 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 60

**Methyl (2S)-2-({[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-benzyl-*N*-isopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.57 (d, 2H), 7.34 (m, 9H), 7.13 (d, 2H), 4.72 (d, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 2.99 (m, 2H), 1.15 (d, 3H), 1.12 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 61

**(2S)-2-({[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (93%) was prepared from the compound of Example 60 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 159°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.68 (s, 1H), 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.26 (m, 8H), 4.06 (m, 2H), 3.72 (m, 2H), 2.89 (m, 2H), 0.95 (d, 3H), 0.98 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 62

**Methyl (2S)-2-({[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-benzyl-*N*-isopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.56 (s, 2H), 7.65 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.33 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, 2H), 4.96 (d, 1H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.94 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.14 (d, 3H), 1.12 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 63

**(2S)-2-({[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (84%) was prepared from the compound of Example 62 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 182°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 12.82 (bs, 1H), 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.57 (m, 3H), 7.27 (m, 8H), 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 0.94 (d, 3H), 0.87 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 64

**Methyl (2S)-2-({[isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-(thien-2-ylmethyl)propan-2-amine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.52 (s, 2H), 8.22 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.23 (m, 1H), 7.11 (d, 2H), 6.95 (m, 2H), 5.18 (d, 1H), 4.42 (s, 2H), 4.11 (m, 1H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.72 (s, 3H), 3.01 (m, 2H), 1.25 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 65

**(2S)-2-({[isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (98%) was prepared from the compound of Example 64 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.75 (bs, 1H), 10.89 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.69 (d, 1H), 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.40 (d, 1H), 7.24 (d, 2H), 6.98 (m, 1H), 6.93 (m, 1H), 4.22 (s, 2H), 3.76 (m, 1H), 3.65 (m, 1H), 2.93 (m, 1H), 2.78 (m, 1H), 1.01 (d, 3H), 0.90 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 66

**Methyl (2S)-2-([isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-(thien-2-ylmethyl)propan-2-amine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.56 (d, 2H), 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.12 (d, 2H), 6.97 (m, 2H), 4.78 (d, 1H), 1.48 (s, 2H), 4.08 (m, 1H), 3.90 (m, 1H), 3.71 (s, 3H), 3.00 (m, 2H), 1.24 (d, 6H), 1.18 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 67

**(2S)-2-([isopropyl(thien-2-ylmethyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (72%) was prepared from the compound of Example 66 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 122°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.69 (s, 1H), 7.54 (m, 6H), 7.41 (d, 1H), 7.21 (d, 2H), 6.95 (d, 2H), 4.23 (s, 2H), 3.69 (m, 2H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 1.01 (d, 6H), 0.92 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 68

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[(isobutyl[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino)sulfonyl]amino]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-isobutyl-*N*-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.60 (s, 2H), 7.57 (d, 2H), 7.35 (m, 5H), 7.20 (d, 2H), 5.02 (m, 1H), 4.73 (d, 1H), 4.25 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.77 (d, 2H), 2.07 (m, 1H), 1.61 (d, 3H), 0.76 (d, 3H), 0.63 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 69

**(2S)-3-{4-[(2,6-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-[[{isobutyl}[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino]sulfonyl]amino]propionic acid**

The title compound (70%) was prepared from the compound of Example 68 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 182°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 12.81 (bs, 1H), 10.88 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.55 (d, 2H), 7.29 (m, 8H), 4.83 (d, 1H), 3.81 (m, 1H), 2.87 (m, 2H), 2.38 (d, 2H), 1.56 (m, 1H), 1.33 (d, 3H), 0.53 (d, 3H), 0.39 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 70

**Methyl (2S)-2-[[[cyclopentyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-cyclopentyl-*N*-isopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.88 (d, 1H), 7.60 (d, 2H), 7.27 (d, 2H), 3.73 (m, 1H), 3.62 (s, 3H), 3.40 (m, 2H), 2.90 (m, 2H), 1.60 (m, 5H), 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.10 (d, 3H), 1.00 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 71

**(2S)-2-[[[cyclopentyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl]amino]-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (55%) was prepared from the compound of Example 70 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 157°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, 2H), 3.63 (m, 1H), 3.42 (m, 2H), 2.85 (m, 2H), 1.56 (m, 5H), 1.31 (m, 3H), 1.10 (d, 3H), 0.97 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 72

**Methyl (2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[isobutyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and *N*-isobutyl-*N*-isopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.90 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.80 (d, 1H), 7.60 (d, 2H), 7.25 (d, 2H), 3.80 (m, 1H), 3.63 (s, 3H), 3.58 (m, 1H), 2.90 (m, 4H), 1.80 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, 3H), 0.90 (d, 3H), 0.78 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 73

**(2S)-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}-2-({[isobutyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)propionic acid**

The title compound (91%) was prepared from the compound of Example 72 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: >300°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 9.43 (s, 1H), 8.79 (d, 1H), 8.16 (d, 1H), 8.11 (d, 1H), 7.69 (d, 1H), 7.25 (dd, 5H), 3.66 (m, 1H), 3.51 (m, 1H), 3.35 (m, 1H), 2.95 (m, 3H), 1.61 (m, 6H), 1.12 (m, 10H).

#### EXAMPLE 74

**Methyl (2S)-2-({[cyclohexyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl}amino)-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionate and *N*-cyclohexyl-*N*-isopropylamine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 9.30 (s, 1H), 8.80 (d, 1H), 8.18 (d, 1H), 8.10 (d, 1H), 7.42 (d, 1H), 7.23 (m, 5H), 4.68 (d, 1H), 4.22 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.70 (m, 1H), 3.10 (m, 3H), 1.70 (m, 6H), 1.20 (m, 10H).

#### EXAMPLE 75

**(2S)-2-([cyclohexyl(isopropyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino-3-[4-(2,6-naphthyridin-1-yloxy)phenyl]propionic acid**

The title compound (81%) was prepared from the compound of Example 74 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 138°C

$\delta$  (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): 10.92 (s, 1H), 8.80 (s, 2H), 7.58 (m, 3H), 7.27 (d, 2H), 3.69 (m, 1H), 3.57 (m, 1H), 2.86 (m, 4H), 1.79 (m, 1H), 1.00 (d, 3H), 0.88 (d, 3H), 0.77 (d, 6H).

#### EXAMPLE 76

**Methyl (2S)-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]-2-[(isobutyl[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino)sulfonyl]amino]propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]propionate hydrochloride and *N*-isobutyl-*N*-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amine following the same procedure described in Example 40.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 8.55 (s, 2H), 7.70 (s, 1H), 7.50 (d, 2H), 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.10 (d, 2H), 5.10 (d, 1H), 4.78 (m, 1H), 4.23 (m, 1H), 3.79 (s, 3H), 3.10 (m, 2H), 2.80 (m, 2H), 1.30 (m, 3H), 0.90 (m, 1H), 0.70 (d, 3H), 0.60 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 77

**(2S)-3-[4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl]-2-[(isobutyl[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino)sulfonyl]amino]propionic acid**

The title compound (76%) was prepared from the compound of Example 76 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 171°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 8.79 (s, 2H), 7.58 (d, 2H), 7.43 (bs, 1H), 7.29 (m, 7H), 4.80 (m, 1H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.96 (m, 2H), 2.54 (m, 2H), 1.43 (m, 4H), 0.56 (d, 3H), 0.042 (d, 3H).

#### EXAMPLE 78

**Methyl (2S)-2-([methyl(phenyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

To a solution of methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride (0.45 g, 1.24 mmol) in methylene chloride (2 mL) chlorosulfonic acid (0.14 g, 1.24 mmol) was added dropwise at 0°C in the presence of triethylamine (0.25 g, 2.48 mmol). After the addition was completed the reaction mixture was allowed to reach room temperature and was stirred for an additional 2h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the crude was dissolved in benzene (2 mL),  $PCl_5$  was added and the mixture was heated under reflux for 1h. The solvent was again removed under reduced pressure and the resulting crude was treated with ethyl ether. The solid was separated by filtration and the resulting crude oil was used in the next reaction without further purification.

To a solution of *N*-methylaniline (0.133 g, 1.24 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) in the presence of triethylamine (0.5 g, 4.96 mmol) the crude sulfamoyl chloride was added at 0°C and the mixture was allowed to stir at this temperature for 2h. The solvent was removed, the crude was dissolved in ethyl acetate and washed with ammonium chloride 0.5 M (50 mL) and brine (50 mL). The organic extracts were dried over sodium sulphate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (hexanes:ethyl acetate, 3:2) to afford the title compound (0.08 g, 14%) as a white solid.

$\delta$  (CDCl<sub>3</sub>): 7.59 (d, 2H), 7.32 (m, 9H), 7.14 (d, 2H), 4.94 (d, 1H), 4.18 (m, 1H), 3.74 (s, 3H), 3.16 (s, 3H), 3.03 (m, 2H).

#### EXAMPLE 79

**(2S)-2-([methyl(phenyl)amino]sulfonyl)amino-3-{4-[(2,6-dichlorobenzoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (89%) was prepared from the compound of Example 78 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 117°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 12.85 (bs, 1H), 10.73 (s, 1H), 7.56 (m, 5H), 7.25 (m, 6H), 7.07 (d, 2H), 3.79 (m, 1H), 2.92 (s, 3H), 2.86 (m, 2H).

#### EXAMPLE 80

**Methyl (2S)-{[2-(phenylsulfonyl)phenyl]amino)sulfonyl}amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate**

The title compound was obtained as a white solid from methyl (2S)-2-amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionate hydrochloride and 2-(phenylsulfonyl)aniline following the same procedure described in Example 78.

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.85 (s, 1H), 8.98 (m, 2H), 8.88 (s, 2H), 7.97 (m, 3H), 7.75 (m, 3H), 7.41 (m, 3H), 7.25 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, 2H), 4.02 (m, 1H), 3.52 (s, 3H), 3.10 (m, 2H).

#### EXAMPLE 81

**(2S)-{[2-(phenylsulfonyl)phenyl]amino)sulfonyl}amino-3-{4-[(3,5-dichloroisonicotinoyl)amino]phenyl}propionic acid**

The title compound (83%) was prepared from the compound of Example 80 by hydrolysis in a similar manner to Example 35.

m.p.: 206°C

$\delta$  (DMSO- $d_6$ ): 10.81 (s, 1H), 8.88 (m, 4H), 7.96 (m, 3H), 7.77 (m, 3H), 7.38 (m, 3H), 7.23 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, 2H), 4.04 (m, 1H), 2.81 (m, 2H).

The following examples illustrate pharmaceutical compositions according to the present invention and procedure for their preparation.

#### EXAMPLE 82

Preparation of a pharmaceutical composition: tablets

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**Formulation:**

Compound of the present invention .....	5.0 mg
Lactose.....	113.6 mg
Microcrystalline cellulose.....	28.4 mg
Light silicic anhydride.....	1.5 mg
Magnesium stearate.....	1.5 mg

Using a mixer machine, 15 g of the compound of the present invention was mixed with 340.8 g of lactose and 85.2 g of microcrystalline cellulose. The mixture was subjected to compression moulding using a roller compactor to give a flake-like compressed material. The flake-like compressed material was pulverized using a hammer mill, and the pulverized material was screened through a 20 mesh screen. A 4.5 g portion of light silicic anhydride and 4.5 g of magnesium stearate were added to the screened material and mixed. The mixer product was subjected to a tablets making machine equipped with a die/punch system of 7.5 mm in diameter, thereby obtaining 3,000 tablets each having 150 mg in weight.

**EXAMPLE 83**

Preparation of a pharmaceutical composition: tablets coated

**Formulation:**

Compound of the present invention.....	5.0 mg
Lactose.....	95.2 mg
Corn starch.....	40.8 mg
Polyvinylpyrrolidone .....	7.5 mg
Magnesium stearate.....	1.5 mg
Hydroxypropylcellulose.....	2.3 mg
Polyethylene glycol .....	0.4 mg
Titanium dioxide.....	1.1 mg
Purified talc.....	0.7 mg

Using a fluidized bed granulating machine, 15 g of the compound of the present invention was mixed with 285.6 g of lactose and 122.4 g of corn starch. Separately, 22.5 g of polyvinylpyrrolidone was dissolved in 127.5 g of water to prepare a binding solution. Using a fluidized bed granulating machine, the binding solution was sprayed on the above

mixture to give granulates. A 4.5 g portion of magnesium stearate was added to the obtained granulates and mixed. The obtained mixture was subjected to a tablet making machine equipped with a die/punch biconcave system of 6.5 mm in diameter, thereby obtaining 3,000 tablets, each having 150 mg in weight.

Separately, a coating solution was prepared by suspending 6.9 g of hydroxypropylmethylcellulose 2910, 1.2 g of polyethylene glycol 6000, 3.3 g of titanium dioxide and 2.1 g of purified talc in 72.6 g of water. Using a High Coated, the 3,000 tablets prepared above were coated with the coating solution to give film-coated tablets, each having 154.5 mg in weight.

#### EXAMPLE 84

Preparation of a pharmaceutical composition: liquid inhalant

Formulation:

Compound of the present invention..... 400  $\mu$ g

Physiological saline..... 1 ml

A 40 mg portion of the compound of the present invention was dissolved in 90 ml of physiological saline, and the solution was adjusted to a total volume of 100 ml with the same saline solution, dispensed in 1 ml portions into 1 ml capacity ampoule and then sterilized at 115° for 30 minutes to give liquid inhalant.

#### EXAMPLE 85

Preparation of a pharmaceutical composition: powder inhalant

Formulation:

Compound of the present invention..... 200  $\mu$ g

Lactose..... 4,000  $\mu$ g

A 20 g portion of the compound of the present invention was uniformly mixed with 400 g of lactose, and a 200 mg portion of the mixture was packed in a powder inhaler for exclusive use to produce a powder inhalant.

#### EXAMPLE 86

Preparation of a pharmaceutical composition: inhalation aerosol.

Formulation:

Compound of the present invention..... 200  $\mu$ g

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Dehydrated (Absolute) ethyl alcohol USP..... 8,400 µg  
1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (HFC-134A)..... 46,810 µg

The active ingredient concentrate is prepared by dissolving 0.0480 g of the compound of the present invention in 2.0160 g of ethyl alcohol. The concentrate is added to an appropriate filling apparatus. The active ingredient concentrate is dispensed into aerosol container, the headspace of the container is purged with Nitrogen or HFC-134A vapor (purging ingredients should not contain more than 1 ppm oxygen) and is sealed with valve. 11.2344 g of HFC-134A propellant is then pressure filled into the sealed container.

**EXAMPLE 87**

Preparation of a pharmaceutical composition: Gel.

Formulation:

Compound of the present invention.....	0,03 %
Carbomer 980NF.....	1,00 %
Glycerine .....	10,00 %
Diethanolamine to .....	pH: 5.5
Purified water .....	to 100,00%

**EXAMPLE 88**

Preparation of a pharmaceutical composition: Pomade.

Formulation:

Compound of the present invention.....	0,03 %
Glyceryl monolaurate.....	5,00 %
Hydrogenated Coco-glycerides .....	15,00 %
Glycerine .....	15,00 %
Light mineral oil .....	5,00%
White petrolatum .....	to 100,00%